



S. 3569 – Judicial Administration and Technical Amendments Act of 2008

FLOOR SITUATION

S. 3569 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) on September 24, 2008. The Senate passed this bill by unanimous consent on September 26, 2008.

S. 3569 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on September 27, 2008.

SUMMARY

S. 3569 makes several technical amendments to the Federal code. These are minor changes that effect the administration and operation of the Federal court system. These technical amendments include the following:

- Provides a district court with discretion in deciding whether to bring into court individuals who fail to respond to a jury summons, instead of mandating the appearance by statute;
- Updates a 1939 statute to include magistrate judges among those judges invited to attend circuit judicial conferences;
- Requires a minimum of three Federal judges to be members of the U.S. Sentencing Commission; and
- Increases the maximum civil penalty for an employer who retaliates against an employee serving on jury duty from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this legislation is to update the United States Code to repeal obsolete provisions, make technical updates, and other minor changes.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has not produced a cost estimate for S. 3569 as of September 27, 2008.

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